Selection of players for national sports competition

†1935. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of players who had been selected by the States have not been allowed to participate in the national sports competition between the years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and November 2007;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the players who were not allowed to participate State-wise; and

(d) the officers in the States found guilty of sending the players in All India Competitions in this manner by making wrong selection and the details of action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir, there is no such information available with the Ministry. The selection of players in the National Games is done by the State Olympic Association under the auspices of the Indian Olympic Association. Similarly, the selection of players in the National Championships organized by the respective national Sports Federation is done by the State Sports Association concerned. The Government of India only provides financial assistance for the conduct of such Games/Championships.

(d) Does not arise.

Rewards to cricket players

1936. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether players in the Indian cricket team, which played in the recent international limited twenty over competition and won, have been granted rewards in cash and kinds by the Central and various State Governments;

(b) if so, the details of such rewards which are incurred out of the public exchequer by the Union and State Governments;

(c) whether it is also a fact that players in the Indian National Hockey team which won the Asian Cup earlier this year have also been honoured *inter alia* with cash and kind rewards by Central and various State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) This Ministry has not given any reward in cash or kind to the Indian cricket team or any of its player for winning the Twenty-Twenty Cricket World Cup. As per media reports, State Government have given awards to individual players, records of which are not available with this Ministry. BCCI have stated that they do not have any authentic knowledge about any such awards given by State Governments. However, BCCI have given Rs. 80 lakh to each of the players and Rs. 15 lakh to each of the support staff.

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